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# HEURISTICS AND CRYPTOLOGY IN THE DECIPHERMENT OF THE CRETAN HIEROGLYPHIC INSCRIPTIONS (A RESEARCH REPORT)

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### Preface

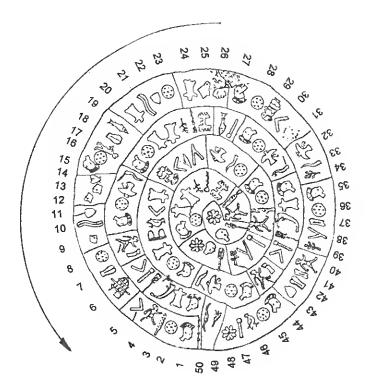
This report contains the results of my work on the Cretan hieroglyphic inscriptions (about 2000-1650 B.C.). I have deciphered them [5, 9, 67-81, 91, 92] in the years 1977-2000 by means of simple heuristic and cryptological techniques (e.g. the technique of comparisons; see also [3, 37, 39, 43, 65, 73, 79, 86, 87]). My interpretation of the inscription of the so-called Phaistos Disk (Crete, around 1700 B.C.), which is written in Old Greek, was presented for the first time in October 1977, during a lecture given in Szczecin to the Polish Historical Society – and, a little later, in February 1978, to the Institute of History of Material Culture (Polish Academy of Science, Warsaw). In the following years I analyzed other Cretan hieroglyphic inscriptions, and published some texts on this subject in Polish, English and German (see Bibliography). My work on the decipherment of the Cretan hieroglyphic inscriptions continued until 2000.

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## 1. Introductory remarks.

The Cretan hieroglyphic inscriptions are associated with the so-called "Minoan civilization" (about 2600-1450 B.C.). However, their appearance (about 2000 B.C.) is believed to have been inspired by the Egyptian writing system [33]. The hieroglyphic inscriptions on seals and various clay objects (such as bars, tablets) became known to the world of science at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, thanks to the work of such researchers as F. Halbherr, A. Evans, L. Pernier. The hieroglyphic inscriptions are, as a rule, very short — with the exception of the Phaistos Disk (241 recognizable pictorial signs). It is generally assumed that the language of the hieroglyphic inscriptions is not Greek, like the character of the "Minoan civilization". The Cretan hieroglyphic script is believed to have existed till about 1700/1650 B.C., when the Linear script A (and later, around 1450 B.C., Linear B) was predominantly and exclusively used. The Cretan hieroglyphic script is generally believed to be undeciphered. In this book I will deal, first of all, with the longest known hieroglyphic inscription called: "the Phaistos Disk". Afterwards I will present the results of my work associated with shorter hieroglyphic texts.



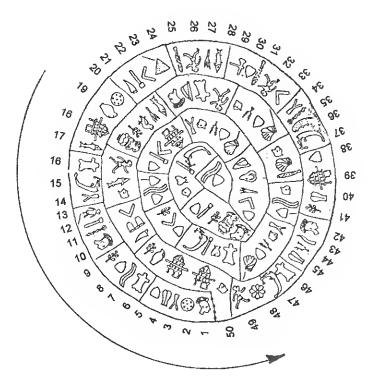


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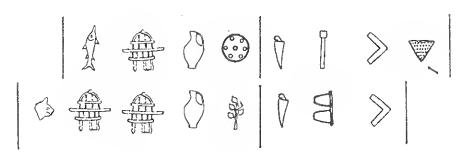


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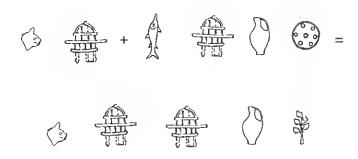


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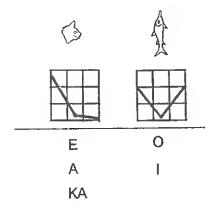
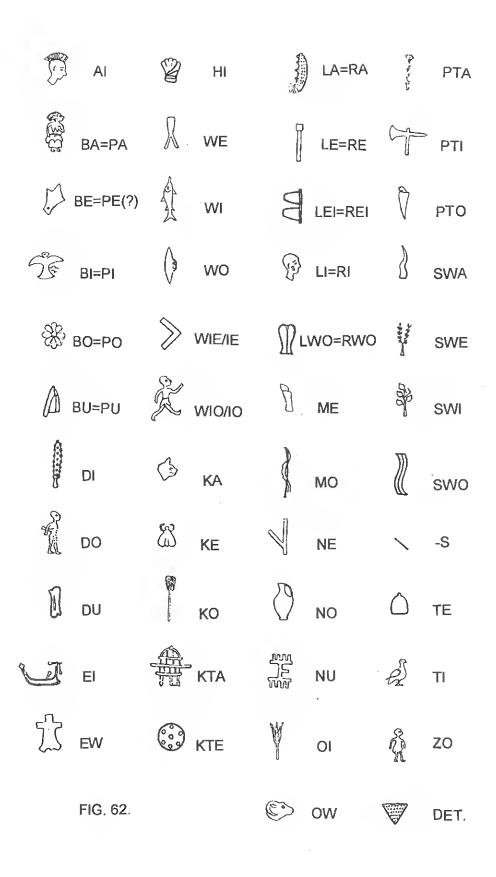


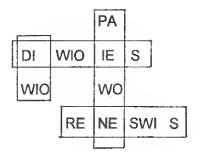
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SIDE A:		A variety of the state of the s		
1) AI-KTE DI-WIO-IE-S	CTA-LWO KTE KA SWC	-TE-S KA KA-KE		
2) AI KE DIOS	TALOS KE KAI SON	TES KAI KHALKEOS		
3) IF THE GODS/DIVINES	TALOS ! AND THE	AND THE COVE-		
	SAVIO	URS RED WITH		
		BRONZE		
1) AI-KTE DO-RWO-WI	EW-SWO-TE KTE	EW-PE-HI		
2) AI KE TROSIN (?)	EUSOTER KE	EPIOS		
3) IF TO THE TROJANS(?	THE GOOD SAVIOUR!	KINDLY DISPOSED		
1) AI-KTE PA-IE-(?)	PI-SWA-SWI			
2) AI KE PAIEON(?)	PITHEO/PEITHO			
3) IF (THEY) THE PAEAN(	?) LISTEN TO			
1) AI-KTE DU-NE-SWI WIG		I-LE-PO		
2) AI KE DUNASIS K	DDOROS ALKE T	ELEO		
3) IF THE MIGHTY	ODOROS IF YOU G	BRANT		
1) OI-MO AI EW-EI-KO-LE	-IE ME-WIO-S AI-KTE P	I-SWA-S		
2) OMO- EUKELOS/EUK	HE (EGO) AIKE F	PITHEO/PEITHO		
3) ALL THE REQUEST	S OF MINE IF YOU	JLISTEN		
1) AI-KTE EW-EW-SWI-PT	A-NU <b>WI-L</b> E	AI-KTE PI-SWA-S		
2) AI KE HEPHAISTOS/EP	HESTIOS(?) PHILOS	AI KE PITHEO/PEITHO		
3) IF HEPHAISTOS/EPHE	STIOS(?) THE GRACI	OUS IF YOU LISTEN		
1) AI EW-EI-KO-LE-IE	E-WIO-S AI-KTE PI-SW	A-S		
2) EUKELOS/EUKHE	(EGO) AI KE PITHEO	/PEITHO		
3) TO THE REQUESTS	OF MINE IF YOU LIST	EN		
1) AI-KTE EW-LEI-TI-IE-E	N PA-IE-WO-NE PI-SWA	A KTE		
2) AI KE EILEITHUIA	PAIEON PITHE	O/PEITHO KE		
3) IF EILEITHUIA	THE PAEAN LISTEN	NS TO !		
1) AI-KTE DI-WIO RE-NE	-SWI-S KO-RI-PO			
1 1				
3) IF THE DIVINE (IN HIS) MIND FOLLOWS				
	AI-KTE EW-EW-SWI-PTA-NU DI-WIO KO-RI-PO			
2) AI KE HEPHAISTOS/E	2) AI KE HEPHAISTOS/EPHESTIOS(?) DIOS KHREO/KHREIO/KHOREO			
3) IF HEPHAISTOS/EPHESTIOS(?) THE DIVINE FOLLOWS				

SIDE B:				
1) AI-KTE WE-RWO	TE EW-SWO-TE-S\	ΛΊ	AI-PTA-LE-ZO-S	
2) AI KE HEROS	EU SONTES		APALEXO	
3) IF (YOU) HEROS	(OF THE) GOOD	SAVIOUR S	DEFEND	
1) WE-EI-EW WI-KTA	NO KTE PTO-LE-I	E-S		
2) (pronom.) ITAN	OS KE PTOLIS			
3) YOUR ITAN	os ! Town			
1) DI-WIO-OI-WI	PTI-TE DI-WIO-IE	WE-PTA	-LA-El	
2) DIOS	TETTA DIOS	APALE	xo	
3) TO THE DIVINES	(TO THE) FATHER-	GOD THE DE	FENDING	
1) TE KTA-LWO-SWI	AI-SWA-SWE-RWO	EW-EI-PO-W	ло	
2) TALOS	AISA	EIPON		
3) TALOS	OF THE FATE	THE FIXING	3	
1) KA-KTA-KTA-NO-S	WI PTO-LEI-IE			
2) KATA + ITANOS	PTOLIS			
3) OVER ITANOS	TOWN			
1) KA WI-WIO PA	-SWI-TI-OI-WI A	I BU-EW-WIO		
2) KAI IPHIOS PA	ASI THEOS	BOUS		
3) AND STRONG TO	O ALL THE GODS	BULLS		
1) KA-SWE-TE-HI-S	KA HI-DI KA	SWO-TE-S		
2) KESTOS	KAI IDE KA	N SONTES		
3) KNOWING THE YO	OKE AND ALSO A	ND THE SAVIO	DURS	
1) WE-KA-SWE-TE-H	II-S EW-KE-LE	-EI TE-IE-SW	7	
2) EKESTOS	WEIKELO	OS (TITHEM	l?)	
3) NOT KNOWING TH	HE YOKE ALIKE	THE OFF	ERED(?)	
1) TE SWO-TE-S	TE-LE-IE-KTA WE-F	(A-SWE-TE-HI	-S BU-OW-OI-IE-TE	
2) SONTES	TELEIOS EKE	STOS	BOUS	
3) THE SAVIOURS	THE BEST NOT	KNOWING TH	HE YOKE BULLS	
1) AI BA-SWI-LE TE	KA-KE-RE-EI S	WO-TE-S(?)	. *	
2) AI BASILEUS	BASILEUS KHALKERES SONTE(S)(?)			
3) IF (THEY) THE KING KHALKERES SAVE(?)				





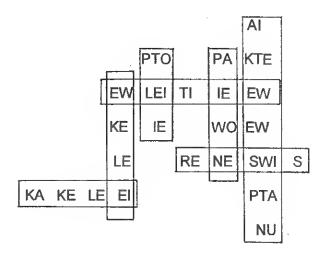


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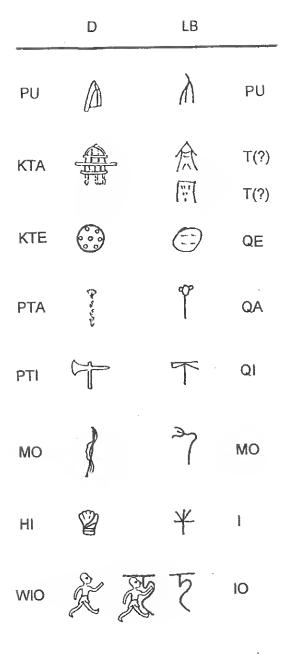
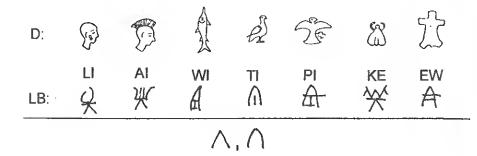


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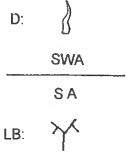


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